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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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1. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED YOUR CABLE ON THE LONDON SPEECH AND THE REPORT OF YOUR MEETING WITH ART HARTMAN. REGARDING THE SPEECH, I ONLY WISH I COULD EXTRACT FROM MY STAFF THE SAME SENSE OF RESPECT FOR MY WRITTEN (AND SPOKEN) WORD. WITH REGARD TO HARTMAN, I AM PLEASED THAT YOU AND ART HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK THINGS OUT. I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT FOR YOU BOTH ANDHAV: ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOU WERE LESS THAN EITHER OF YOU THOUGHT.

2. I ALSO WANT TO BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE FREE TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH ME WHENEVER YOU FEEL IT
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NECESSARY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL BE SENSITIVE

TO YOUR CONCERNS.

3. LARRY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED HIS LUNCHEON WITH BELOVSKI
AND THEIR CONVERSATION ON THE WALL STREET JOURNAL PIECE
WITH ME. THE ISSUE DIED HERE WITHOUT FANFARE AND LARRY HAS
SUCCESSFULLY DEBUNKED ANY SPECULATION THAT MIGHT HAVE

LURKED IN BELOVSKI'S MIND. I AM CONVINCED THAT ANY
PUBLIC ATTEMPT TO HANDLE THE PIECE WOULD ONLY GIVE IT A
FURTHER LEASE ON LIFE. IF YOU DON'T AGREE, LET ME KNOW
AND WE WILL SEE WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE. LET US STAY IN
CLOSE TOUCH.

4. WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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